UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

RALPH E. PRYOR, Plaintiff.

Case No. 1:15-cv-801

VS

Dlott, J. Litkovitz, M.J.

GARY MOHR, et al., Defendants. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On December 17, 2015, plaintiff filed a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 in this Court. (Doc. 1). Because plaintiff failed to pay the filing fee or seek leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, a Deficiency Order was issued on December 28, 2015. (Doc. 2). On February 3, 2016, a Report and Recommendation was issued, recommending that this matter be dismissed for lack of prosecution for plaintiff's failure to comply with the Deficiency Order. (Doc. 3). Plaintiff subsequently filed a motion for reconsideration and motion for an extension of time to comply with the Deficiency Order. (Doc. 4). On February 24, 2016, the undersigned granted plaintiff's motion and vacated the February 3, 2016 Report and Recommendation. (Doc. 5). Plaintiff was granted an extension of time of thirty (30) days to pay the full filing fee or file a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. To date, more than thirty (30) days after the Court's February 24, 2016 Order, plaintiff has failed to pay the filing fee or submit an *in forma pauperis* application.

"District courts have the inherent power to sua sponte dismiss civil actions for want of prosecution to manage their own affairs so as to achieve the orderly and expeditious disposition of cases." *Link v. Wabash* R.R., 370 U.S. 626, 630–631 (1962). *See also Jourdan v. Jabe*, 951 F.2d 108, 109 (6th Cir. 1991). Failure of a party to respond to an order of the court warrants invocation of the Court's inherent power. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). Accordingly, this case

should be dismissed for plaintiff's failure to pay the Court's \$400.00 filing fee or to submit a completed *in forma pauperis* application. *In re Alea*, 286 F.3d 378, 382 (6th Cir. 2002).

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that this matter be **DISMISSED** for lack of prosecution.

IT IS SO RECOMMENDED.

Date: 8/28/18

Faren L. Sthort
Karen L. Litkovitz

United States Magistrate Judge

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NOTICE

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), WITHIN 14 DAYS after being served with a copy of the recommended disposition, a party may serve and file specific written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations. This period may be extended further by the Court on timely motion for an extension. Such objections shall specify the portions of the Report objected to and shall be accompanied by a memorandum of law in support of the objections. If the Report and Recommendation is based in whole or in part upon matters occurring on the record at an oral hearing, the objecting party shall promptly arrange for the transcription of the record, or such portions of it as all parties may agree upon, or the Magistrate Judge deems sufficient, unless the assigned District Judge otherwise directs. A party may respond to another party's objections WITHIN 14 DAYS after being served with a copy thereof. Failure to make objections in accordance with this procedure may forfeit rights on appeal. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); *United States v. Walters*, 638 F.2d 947 (6th Cir. 1981).